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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, KE, US

SUBJECT: U.S. AIRCRAFT FLY-BY OF NAIROBI ON KENYAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO FONOFF FOR THEIR INFORMATION
AND FORWARDING TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA:

A. KENYAN GOVERNMENT DECEMBER 8 ISSUED FOLLOWING ANNOUNCE-
MENT: QUOTE: THE USS GUAM AND TWO OTHER US NAVY VESSELS
WILL BE VISITING THE PORT OF MOMBASA FOR A FEW DAYS BE-
GINNING DECEMBER 10. AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF KENYA, AIRCRAFT BASED ON THE USS GUAM WILL MAKE A
CEREMONIAL FLY-BY AS PART OF THE DECEMBER 12 CELEBRATIONS
IN NAIROBI OF KENYA'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.
UNQUOTE.

B. AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND MILITARY COMMANDS HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED WITH FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR USE WITH LOCAL
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GOVERNMENTS AND PRESS IN RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTIONS ON

VISIT AND FLY-BY: U.S. NAVAL VISITS TO MOMBASA ARE ROUTINE. KENYAN GOVERNMENT INVITED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ITS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY THIS YEAR IF AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE UNITS PERMITTED; GIVEN AVAILABILITY OF USS GUAM WITH COMPLEMENT OF AIRCRAFT SUITABLE FOR A FLY-BY,

U.S. GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO ACCEPT KENYAN INVITATION.

C. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN MAY WISH TO UTILIZE ABOVE GUIDANCE IF QUERIED BY UGANDAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THIS OPERATION. IF UGANDAN QUERIES SUGGEST PRESUMPTION OF HOSTILE INTENT BEHIND U.S. ACTIONS, AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN COULD ADDITIONALLY STATE THAT FLY-BY IS CEREMONIAL IN NATURE AND IN NO WAY HOSTILE OR DIRECTED AT ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

D. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY OFFICIAL UGANDAN REACTION TO FLY-BY WHICH COMES TO ATTENTION OF AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN. ROBINSON

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